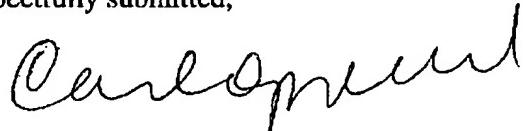


REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003.

Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

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